

## REMARKS

The foregoing claim amendments are presented to delete the multiple dependencies of the original claims. No new matter is presented.

Accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing claim amendments are respectfully requested.

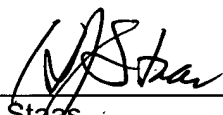
If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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